

Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate place in the Courthouse, Eagle River City Hall, Olson Memorial Library and in addition, copies of the notice of the meeting were forwarded to the news media: Vilas County News Review, Lakeland Times, Rhinelander Daily News, Northwoods River News, FYI Northwoods News, News of the North and Radio Stations WERL, WHDG, WLSL-FM, Coyote 93.7 in compliance with the open meeting law.

Present: Charles Rayala, Jr., Al Bauman, Ron De Bruyne, Vernon Wiggenhauser and Willy Otterpohl. Also Present: Jarred Maney – Highway Commissioner/Patrol Superintendent, Louise A. Krus – Highway Committee Secretary, Jason Hilger – Finance Manager, Tom Numrich – Highway Bookkeeper, Dale Mayo - Recreation Administrator, Martha Milanowski – Corp. Counsel, Rocky Caffarella, Art Kunde, Dan Swecichowski, Peter Walls – LandOver ATV Club, Tim Frit – FABCO Equipment, Rick Satterlee – Ayres Assoc., and Bob Mc Mahon – Fahrner Asphalt Sealers.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rayala.

Motion by Bauman, second by De Bruyne to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, for the September 18, 2014 meeting – all voted aye.

Motion by Otterpohl, second by Bauman to approve the minutes for the August 20, 2014 meeting – all voted aye.

Rick Satterlee – Ayres Associates – Rick talked to the committee about the engineering services that are available through Ayres Associates.

ATV Route Policy – Martha Milanowski – Corp. Counsel talked to the committee about the Draft Policy that she and Jarred had drafted – Motion by De Bruyne, second by Bauman to adopt the **Vilas County Highway Committee Policy for ATV/UTV Routes** – voting aye – De Bruyne, Rayala, Otterpohl & Bauman, voting no – Wiggenhauser. Motion passed.

Motion by Bauman, second by Otterpohl to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Committee regarding potential litigation (Arbor Vitae Hwy Shop Salt Contamination) – all voted aye.

Motion by De Bruyne, second by Bauman to return to open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g) – all voted aye.

Motion by Wiggenhauser, second by Bauman to authorize Corporation Counsel to investigate the possibility of pulling up the existing well to the desired depth as an alternative to installing a new well – in the event that this is not feasible or is cost prohibitive to authorize installation of a new well along with required water sampling to be coordinated between Mr. Short, Richardson Well Drilling and Foth with cost to be covered by the Highway Department – all voted aye.

Bob McMahon – Fahrner Asphalt Sealers – Bob talked to the committee about **Reclamite** – a preservative and rejuvenating seal for asphalt. He told the committee that it can add 3 to 5 years of life to the pavement at a cost of approximately \$11,000.00 for a 24 foot wide mile of pavement. There will be more information about this at the next meeting.

Update on Roads, Equipment and Building and Grounds – Roads – Jarred told the committee that there have been some unexpected delays with the project on Hwy “K”. WE Energies have to move some poles and the Highway Dept. has to replace some culverts that we didn’t even know were there. **Equipment** – Jarred told the committee that we received two bids for the purchase of three new loaders and the trade in of seven pieces of equipment. The bid from Nortrax Equipment Company (John Deere loaders) was \$249,190.00 and the bid from Fabco (Caterpillar loaders) was \$213,900.00. Both bids included the credit for the equipment being traded in. Motion by De Bruyne, second by Bauman to approve the Fabco proposal to purchase three new loaders and trade in seven pieces of equipment, pending approval from County Board – Voting aye – De Bruyne, Rayala, Bauman and Otterpohl. Voting no – Wiggenhauser. Motion passed. **Building and Grounds** – nothing new at this time.

Approve Payroll Reports & Hwy Committee vouchers – Motion by Wiggenhauser, second by Otterpohl to approve as presented – all voted aye.

Al Bauman had to leave the meeting at 11:40 am.

Budget 2014 – nothing new at this time.

Budget 2015 – Tom Numrich presented two budget amounts for Road Construction – Option A - \$1,079,4381 and Option B - \$1,611,481. Motion by Wiggerhauser, second by De Bruyne to accept Option A for 2015 budget – voting aye – Wiggerhauser, De Bruyne and Otterpohl. Voting no – Rayala. Motion carried.

Letters and Communications – Chairman Rayala recently attended a WCHA meeting in Rhineland.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – No comments from the general public.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8th at 10:00 am.

Motion by Otterpohl, second by De Bruyne to adjourn – all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise A. Krus, Secretary